

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

RENT IS TOO HIGH

(Mr. BOWMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOWMAN. Madam Speaker, the rent is too damn high. The rent is too damn high. We have people across the country struggling to keep a roof over their heads.

We are the wealthiest Nation in the history of the world, outside of ancient African civilizations, yet we cannot provide housing for every single person in our country.

We have CEOs making record profits. We have corporations making record profits. We have corporate landlords suppressing and oppressing and evicting tenants without just cause while continuing to raise the rent.

We call on President Biden to take executive action on this issue. We do not have a healthy democracy or a healthy society unless we take care of our tenants and our working-class people who are working 40, 50, 60, 70 hours a week just to survive.

READY TO SERVE CONSTITUENTS AS THEIR TRUSTED VOICE IN GOVERNMENT

(Mr. SORENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SORENSEN. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to be here serving as Illinois' 17th Congressional District trusted neighbor in Congress.

I spent more than 20 years of my life as a broadcast meteorologist, making sure that people had the right information to make good decisions in times of dangerous weather.

Now I am here in Congress to serve my constituents as their trusted voice in government. I am focused on delivering results for my constituents, whether it is lowering food, energy, or prescription drug costs, increasing good-paying jobs in our communities, or protecting access to reproductive healthcare.

I promise to work with anyone on either side of the aisle, Democrat or Republican, on commonsense solutions that solve the problems central and northwestern Illinois families face every day.

I am ready to put partisan politics aside and get to work in the 118th Congress.

PROTECTING AMERICA'S STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, America's economic independence is based in energy independence.

Today, I voted for H.R. 22, a bill that prohibits selling oil from our Strategic Petroleum Reserve to China. However, this bill does not go far enough.

I was one of the Members that saved the Strategic Petroleum Reserve with my vote several years ago. We have to do more to prohibit the sale of oil to other tyrants who wage war on peaceful people and nations.

In 2015, it was the Republican-controlled Congress that voted to begin exporting oil to all of our biggest adversaries: Iran, North Korea, Russia, and China included.

Well, how about that?

Americans cannot be dependent on any foreign adversaries for our way of life. Now more than ever is the time to ensure American energy independence in perpetuity. We protect our workers and our companies when we stand up to predatory adversaries.

We must continue to keep advancing new energy technologies here at home, and I look forward to Republican support in doing so. That is the recipe for American strength and liberty.

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YEAR OF THE CHILD

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, let me, first of all, acknowledge Damar Hamlin for his courage and his fight to survive. Welcome home as he is discharged from a Buffalo hospital so that he can recover. That is the kind of strength that represents America, and though I am not from Buffalo, let me salute the Buffalo Bills.

I rise today, Madam Speaker, to speak about the child and to ask America: How does a 6-year-old shoot a teacher?

From the research from the University of Pennsylvania, the answer is that children become shooters because they have access to guns. So in my congressional year 2023, I am going to demand that this Congress claims this as the Year of the Child.

As a founder of the Congressional Children's Caucus, I am going to call upon my Democrat and Republican colleagues to join this caucus to be able to establish the premise that no child should go to bed hungry; no child should be without housing or good education; and no child should get off a school bus and be shot as two children were in Washington, D.C.

Stop the gun violence. Let this be the Year of the Child. Let us lift up our children so they can be healthy adults.

STRATEGIC OIL RESERVE

(Ms. TITUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to discuss the Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act which the Republicans brought to the floor today to fix a mistake that their leadership in the 114th Congress made. You wouldn't know that, Madam Speaker, to hear them talking today of blaming other people and not themselves.

Back then, 235 Republicans voted to end our country's 40-year-long crude oil export ban. When they did that, Trump took full advantage of it, and under his administration over 391 million barrels went to China. Now they want to rewrite history. You can't rewrite the history. The evidence is there.

This bill was a step in the right direction. But like my colleague from Ohio said earlier: It doesn't go far enough.

Why don't we extend this ban to North Korea, Iran, and Russia?

That way we can prevent all our adversaries and not just China from using our oil to our disadvantage.

GRATITUDE FOR MY FAMILY

(Ms. PETTERSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PETTERSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize two of my most important constituents and the milestones in the week to come.

This Sunday, January 15, marks the 12th anniversary with my husband, Ian Silverii. Twelve years ago, I said yes to our first date, and it was the best decision I have made.

I am so grateful for his love and support all along the way. No matter how difficult our paths have been, he has always been my rock and biggest cheerleader. I am thankful every day for the life we have built together.

Happy anniversary to my partner and best friend and the dad to my other most important constituent, my son, Davis.

January 19 is my son's third birthday. Davis has been the greatest gift to both of our lives. It has been amazing to watch him grow and to see him become the loving and empathetic little guy that he is. Nothing makes me happier and prouder than being his mom.

His Dad and I love him so much. I can't wait to celebrate him and all that he brings to our lives and the people around him.

Happy birthday to my sweet boy.

KEEPING EASTERN NORTH CAROLINIANS HEALTHY

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address